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1. Under the reorganization program of the HVA, a new VP Dienststelle (VPD) was activated in Leipzig from personnel from the VP posts in Muehlhausen, Erfurt, Kietz, Eggesin, Gloewen, Zittau, and Pirna.
2. Prior to 15 February 1951, the headquarters of the VPD and the three infantry Kommandos were quartered in the barracks installation of the former German 8th Inf Regt on Olbrichtstrasse, while the artillery Kommando and the seven Sonderabteilungen were located in the barracks installation of the former German 107th Inf Regt at 57 Viertelsweg. *
3. The VPD numbered 1,250 to 1,300 police. Its commanding officer was VP Inspekteur Richard Steiner, the son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck. The officers of the artillery Kommando included VP Oberkommissar Schuster, (fnu), commanding officer, an ex-artiller first lieutenant; VP Oberkommissar Dreihardt, (fnu), operations officer; VP Kommissar Vietz, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Kommissar Simoneit, (fnu), commanding officer of 1st Abteilung; VP Kommissar Papierbreck, (fnu), commanding officer of 2d Abteilung; VP Kommissar Fischer, (fnu), commanding officer of 3d Abteilung; and VP Kommissar Schwarz, (fnu), PK officer.
4. The artillery Kommando of the VPD was organized into a headquarters and three Abteilungen. Each Abteilung consisted of three Zuege, the 1st Zug being an artillery unit with three guns each operated by one NCO and seven police; the 2d Zug being a mixed unit of one signal section, one engineer section, and one rifle section and the 3d Zug being a headquarters unit consisting of a battery commander's section, a signal section and a computing section. **
5. New quarters and garages were being constructed in the billeting area on Olbrichtstrasse.

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- * Comment. [] two VPDs are believed to be stationed in Leipzig. Prior to December 1950, the Prinz Johann Georg Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse quartered the former 1st VP Bereitschaft; the Planitz Kaserne on Viertelweg, the former 2d VP Bereitschaft; and the Koenig Georg Kaserne on Georg-Schumann-Strasse, the former 3d VP Bereitschaft. The last installation is [] believed to quarter the so-called VPD Leipzig II. 50X1-HUM
- ** Comment. The organization of an artillery Abteilung as stated in the report is at variance with the Soviet T/O and is therefore doubted. It is believed that an artillery Abteilung consists of two artillery Zuege with 2 or 3 guns each and one headquarters Zug, whereas signal and engineer sections are probably headquarters units of the artillery Kommando. 50X1-HUM

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